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TERRORIST ATTACKS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists are striking in the cities of the country every other day;

(b) if so, whether any concrete measures taken by the Government to protect the citizens from terrorists attacks;

(c) if so, the details of the orders issued to Army to ensure safety of the citizens; and

(d) the action taken so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The Government has taken a number of steps to combat terrorism. These, inter alia, include sensitising the State Governments about the threat perceptions with regard to the activities of the militant groups, and devising strategies to counter such activities. Security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to tackle the problem. Besides, the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002 has been enacted, under which 32 militants organisations have been notified as `Terrorist Organisations`. The Government has also taken a number of diplomatic initiatives at various bilateral/multi-lateral fora for combating trans border terrorism.